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MINUTES

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CEDAR VALLEY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

1972

The State Engineer, Hubert C. Lambert, called a meeting of water users of the Cedar Valley Distribution System and representatives of the State Engineer's Office, to be held February 23, 1972, at 7:30 P.M. The meeting was held in the Fish and Game Building, Cedar City, Utah. Mr. Donald C. Norseth, Division Engineer, opened the meeting. He explained about applications on channels and springs. Also about water storage in the northern part of the State. Logan may expect floods, Utah Lake down, at the higher level the pack was good, 5300 acre feet in the Gunlock Dam, Enterprise Reservoir, about the same as usual, and the Kolob Reservoir may not fill.

The meeting was turned to Lorenzo F. Luke, chairman of the water users. Thelmer Stratton was asked to read the minutes of the last Annual Meeting. The minutes were read, and there were two complaints about the Minutes. Because I want the minutes to be as correct as I can get them, first I write the minutes by pen, then I take them to Lorenzo Luke and ask him to help me cut out the non-important material and shorten the sentences. Then I ask Clemont Adams to read the material for any error before it is typed to go in the book of the Water Commissioner's Report to the State Engineer.

To begin the number one complaint, Jerry Bryant had previously requested a correction of the February 4th, 1970 minutes. I took a paper to him and let him make the correction. To try to please, this correction was made in the February 3rd, 1971, Minutes. After the minutes were read, he complained that I should have had March 1st instead of March 15th, so now I am compelled to go to the original Minutes and claim that they were correct. The part he left out was, we don't own any water at the time you gave it to us. I wrote it down word for word. I used March 15th to May 1st merely as a period to cover the complaint. By the 1922 or 1924 Coal Creek Decree, and the 1936 Supplement to the Decree, the Coal Creek Irrigation Company owns to March 15th, the water which is in excess of the winter water rights of the priority owners. Check the Water Commissioner's report to see if any water was delivered to the Coal Creek Irrigation Company after March 15th, because some fields with priority rights may have been late getting their ditches cleaned.

Complaint number two, George Grimshaw complained that I should have said meters instead of wells, referring to a question by Thurman Higbee. The paragraph could have been worded better. George claimed a well is a well and a meter is a meter. Thurman Higbee used the word "wells", because it is on my notes. Both words are used in the paragraph. I contend that a well consists of everything that is attached, and I used the word so a reader should know that I was not talking about meters for gasoline pumps.

Leonard Bulloch said I could quote him--he heard the minutes and saw nothing wrong with them.

The Minutes were not approved.

They were not approved in 1971. This is a State Engineer's meeting, and the Minutes should be approved. An error should be corrected in the following meeting. This is my problem: I cannot take the Minutes of a meeting and be quarreling over the Minutes. I asked to be replaced last year, and now I resign as Secretary at the end of this meeting.

THE FINANCIAL REPORT

Donald Norseth explained about the budget and the delinquent accounts. Lewis Webster made a motion to accept the budget as read, and Howard Nelson seconded the motion. It was approved.

WATER COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Mr. Luke asked Clemont Adams to give his report. The material is found in the Water Commissioner's Report to the State Engineer. Clemont explained that he changed the locks and keys as recommended. He only wants to listen to the President of a field, because too many people are requesting water changes. He said all the primary water users need new gauges on their weirs, as the old ones are not readable.

Jerry Bryant asked how some of the water users in the Coal Creek did not show that they used water according to the Report, as on page 19. Clemont Adams explained that on page 19 a sole well right has no connection with the Coal Creek water, and some other rights are the same.

Clemont explained that when the creek is frozen over, it is assumed that the flow is the same, and the charge is made the same as the last flow. Also, he could keep a fair constant stream coming under the headgates of the primary users, but the Coal Creek fluctuates. Clemont resigned as Water Commissioner. Jerry Bryant made a motion to approve the Water Commissioner's Report. George D. Grimshaw seconded the motion, and it was unanimous.

SETTING UP THE BUDGET

After some discussion, Donald Norseth recommended that the assessment be set at \$3,800.00, calculated on the last year's assessment and the Budget be set at \$4,800.00. A motion was made, seconded and approved to cover the same.

RECOMMENDING A WATER COMMISSIONER

Clemont Adams agreed to act as Water Commissioner for the following year at the same salary as last year. George D. Grimshaw made a motion that we recommend Clemont Adams for Water Commissioner. Thurman Higbee seconded the motion, and it was approved.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
TO COORDINATE WITH THE STATE ENGINEER

George D. Grimshaw made a recommendation for Wallace Smith, who would be taking his place with the power company. Lehi Jones made a motion that we put in the same committee to include Wallace Smith in the place of George D. Grimshaw. It was seconded and approved.

U.S.G.S. WATER GAUGE

There was a discussion on the U.S.G.S. measuring station below the power plant in Cedar Canyon. Mr. Luke asked Mr. Woodard Sandberg, an engineer, to give a report on the repair of the gauge. He explained it would be difficult to put in anything that would stay permanently. A concrete control could be placed two feet under the gravel, steel posts could be driven in to hold the concrete which could be seven feet long and thirty five to forty feet in width total with enough velocity in the water flow to keep the gauge cleaned out. A concrete pour could be made on the opposite side to move the water flow by the gauge where it is. The estimated cost would be \$400.00 or \$500.00. A blue print on the gauge repair may not be permanent. Lehi Jones made a motion to have Clemont Adams and Woodard Sandberg direct the project. The chairman to get a contractor to do the work. Howard Nelson seconded the motion, and it was approved.


There was a discussion on the May Flat C.C. dam in Cedar Canyon between Lorenzo Luke and Lewis Webster. The question was responsibility. Lewis said the City would not accept full responsibility to maintain the dam. Lorenzo Luke said the fields would not be responsible, also that he would resign before he would accept the responsibility. Donald Norseth suggested somebody should call a meeting.

As a matter of record, at a meeting of water users on August 5, 1950, Lorenzo Luke and Thelmer Stratton were put in as temporary Chairman and temporary Secretary. This was the beginning of this present organization. At this point I wish to thank Lorenzo Luke, Clemont Adams and so many of the water users who have been so helpful in my behalf. I wish to thank Donald C. Norseth and other members of the State Engineer's Office who have been so cooperative to assist with the minutes and the meetings in general.

The meeting came to a close, and the following members were present:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Donald C. Norseth	Division Engineer
Gary R. Frieauf	Division of Water Resources
Lorin Sperry	Division of Water Rights
Lehi M. Jones	Cedar City
Henry L. Jones	Cedar City
Thurman Higbee	Cedar City

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
George D. Grimshaw	California Pacific Utilities and Pumper
Kenneth G. Jones	Coal Creek Irrigation Company
Sidney Ashdown	Cedar City
J. M. Palmer	Cedar City
Jerry Bryant	Coal Creek Irrigation Company and pumper
Lewis Webster	Cedar City Corporation
H. H. McConnell	South and West Field
Ray Melling	South and West Field and North Field
Howard Nelson	Union Field
Leonard Bulloch	Coal Creek and Pumper
Neil Boyter	Union Field
Brent Hunter	Water user
Clemont B. Adams	Water Commissioner
Hal Adams	Pumper
Alan N. Garfield	East Union Irrigation Company and Pumper
George Vandenberghe	Pump well
Kenneth Williams	Water User
Willard R. Williams	Pump Well
M. B. Kunz	Cedar West Stake Farm
Leonard Ashdown	East Extension Irrigation Co.
L. F. Luke	East Extension Irrigation Co.
Thelmer Stratton	Old Fort & Old Field Irr. Co.



 THELMER STRATTON
 Secretary